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In re Application of:

Christophe LE ROY et al.

Serial No.: 09/777,012

Examiner: Marc A. Patterson

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Group Art Unit: 1772

Title: MULTILAYER STRUCTURE AND TANK CONSISTING OF THIS STRUCTURE, WHICH HAS A BARRIER LAYER IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FLUID CONTAINED

**REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Cancel claims 1-20 in favor of new claims 21-42 as follows:**

21. A structure comprising, successively:

- a first layer of high density polyethylene (HDPE)
- a layer of binder,
- a second layer of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer or of a mixture based on an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer, and
- a third layer of a polyamide (A) or of a mixture of a polyamide (A) and a polyolefin (B).

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